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DGS to build temporary parking lot near Capitol Square, close gates for construction

~ Temporary lot will accommodate employees whose parking will be lost to construction activities through 2021 ~

RICHMOND, VA – The Department of General Services (DGS) announced today that it will construct a temporary parking lot near Governor Street and will close two gates on the north side of Capitol Square through 2021 to accommodate construction activities.

DGS will begin construction May 8 of a temporary parking site on the field where the former Zincke Building stood, at the corner of Governor and East Grace streets. The lot will accommodate approximately 50 state employees whose parking will be unavailable during various construction projects through 2021.

The Governor Street and East Grace Street sidewalks adjoining the field will be closed during construction, which is expected to be completed in early July. Both will be replaced as part of the project. Expect dust and noise during construction, which is expected to begin around 7 a.m. and last until 5 p.m. each day, weather permitting. No travel lanes will be blocked during the project. If a lane is impeded temporarily, a flagger will control traffic flow.

“This temporary lot will provide a safe, organized, manageable area for state employees to park while DGS completes multiple construction and renovation projects over the next two and a half years,” said Joe Damico, Director of the Department of General Services. “Our No. 1 priority is safety, and we ask employees, visitors and others who drive or walk in this area to please use caution.”

Beginning the week of May 13, DGS will close two pedestrian gates on the north end of Capitol Square to accommodate construction utility work for the new General Assembly Building. Once

the utility work is complete, the closures will remain in place so renovation of Old City Hall can begin on approximately August 1.

The Old City Hall renovation, which is expected to be completed in 2021, will include repointing of the exterior, work on the roof, replacement of the skylight, and interior upgrades. Old City Hall is a National Historic Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Through 2021, DGS also will be constructing a parking deck at the corner of East Broad and Ninth streets, renovating Morson's Row along Governor Street, and completing security enhancements along Governor Street.

"It is exciting to have this opportunity to construct and renovate such significant facilities at the seat of government," Damico said. "These projects may result in temporary inconveniences from time to time, but when completed will result in benefits to how our citizens interact with government and the visitor experience."

Those who live, work or play in and around Capitol Square are encouraged to sign up for email alerts about construction activity, road closures and other information. Please visit dgs.virginia.gov/dgsalert.

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Two maps are attached that show the areas discussed above:

- Temporary Parking Lot.jpeg
- GAB Utility Fence-Gate Closures.jpg